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Mr. Walter Robertson  
Society of the Cincinnati in the  
State of Virginia  
Post Office Box 1575  
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Walter:

I sincerely appreciate your letter of 13 July inviting me to speak at the annual dinner the Society of the Cincinnati is holding on 15 October.

Unfortunately as I am planning to take a trip abroad in October, I must regretfully decline. I hope we can soon find some other good reason for Clever and me to see you both. Clever is off for London in a couple of weeks and I may join her some time in September.

It was good hearing from you and Clover joins me  
in sending best wishes to Mary and you.

Sincerely,

**Allen W. Dulles**  
**Director**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles Noted by DCI

Over the weekend you had inquired about correspondence with the Society of the Cincinnati.

Is this the item you had in mind?

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## Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia

P. O. Box 1575

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

July 13, 1960

Dear Allen:

The Virginia Society of the Cincinnati will hold its annual dinner on October 15. For these occasions we almost invariably have speakers of national prominence to speak on subjects of general national interest. It is the earnest hope of our Executive Committee, and particularly of the writer, that you will consent to be this year's speaker.

Washington, as you may remember, is only about two hours and fifteen minutes by motor, and some thirty minutes by air, away from Richmond. What would be a double pleasure to Mary and me would be for you and Clover to motor down Saturday afternoon, returning at your leisure Sunday afternoon unless you could stay with us longer. I need not add that the longer you could stay the more pleasure it would be for us. Mary would have a small "hen" party at home and we would join them after our dinner meeting, which is generally over by nine-thirty.

Knowing how busy you are, I am reluctant to add my voice to those seeking your time. However, grass roots opinion will be becoming increasingly important between now and November. This is a representative group which plays some part in the molding of public opinion and I believe your sane views would be helpful in dispelling confusion at this critical period.

Our speaker last year was Stanley Reed but, with the exception of Romulo, all of those for the past few years have been military men - Jim Shepherd, Raddy, Mat Ridgeway, Max Taylor and Felix Stump - to mention a few. While the Cincinnati was founded by the Military, we think it well to leaven the military lump with layman wisdom from time to time. Officially, and very selfishly personally, I hope very much that you can come. And it would add greatly to the pleasure of Mary and me for you to bring Clover with you.

With warm regards to you both,

Yours ever,

*Matta (Robert)*  
President.

The Hon. Allen Dulles

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